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## BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### — Comment Card —

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Your input on the BDCP EIR/EIS is greatly appreciated. Please write your comments below, including comments on the extent of the action, range of alternatives, methodologies for impact analysis, types of impacts to evaluate, and possible mitigation concepts. Comments will be accepted until close of business on May 30, 2008.

Massive diversions of water through the state and federal pumping facilities continued to  
to be the main cause of the problems facing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Region, and the  
idea of funneling water around the Delta is not the way to restore its ecosystem. What the  
it needs is more water to flush and cleanse it of harmful chemicals and other pollutants. We  
have witnessed the decline of many species of fish and wildlife plus many non-native exotic  
species that are consuming about 50 percent of the food chain our native species require.  
The troubles on the Delta began when they completed the construction of Friant Dam on the  
San Joaquin River and the entire river was diverted to provide water for Southern California.  
Today, sub-standard water quality exists in the South Delta. Taking Sacramento River water  
with one of four options will further threaten our fisheries which primarily use the river for  
propagating (spawning) where approximately 60 percent of the remaining Chinook salmon,  
American shad, striped bass, sturgeon and steelhead spend time each spring in the Sacramento  
River between Verona and Colusa. A Peripheral Canal is not the answer. The best bet is to  
begin building plants to desalt an untapped resource and thats the Pacific Ocean to fulfill  
the needs of the 38 million people that reside in California. The will of the people was evident  
in 1982 when this proposal was defeated and if placed on the ballot, it will be defeated again.  
Eliminating the need to pump water from the Delta is the only way that the restoration efforts  
will begin. If our water resources were used properly this would cause less water to be pumped  
out of the Delta. Water conservation is a necessity that should be mandated. Federally  
subsidized water contracts should be reviewed, where in some cases farmers are selling their  
water for a profit rather than growing crops. There are many avenues that need to be studied  
along with changes for correcting the serious problems we are faced with today. Cal-Fed was  
formed to come up with a plan to restore the Delta, and after spending over \$4 billion what  
did we get for our money? The answer: Nothing. Upon reviewing all of the four proposals  
I find myself in the position of rejecting this method of water conveyance. There has to be  
another way to fulfill California's water needs.

Please submit your comments at station 6 at this scoping meeting, or fold this form in half, seal with tape and mail to:

Ms. Delores Brown, Chief, Office of Environmental Compliance, Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236.

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